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As a remedy for the evil the author of the paper proposed not a new terminology, but a different conception of grammar. He would establish a more intimate connection between grammar and living speech. Language should be regarded as a vital bond between man and his fellow-men. Grammar should be a study of the structure and function of this bond. It is not difficult for the teacher to connect the terminology of grammar, thus conceived, with the concrete interests of the pupils, and to guide the figurative suggestions of the terms into the proper channels.

This paper was discussed by Professors F. H. Stoddard, H. E. Greene, J. W. Bright, A. Gudeman, H. A. Todd, and Charles Harris.

23. "*Vita Meriadoci*: an Arthurian romance now first edited from the Cottonian ms. Faustina B. vi. of the British Museum." By Professor J. Douglas Bruce, of Bryn Mawr College. [Read by title.] [Printed in *Publications*, xv, 326 f.]

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[The American Dialect Society held its Annual Meeting at 12 o'clock.]

#### FIFTH SESSION, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29.

The fifth and closing session of the meeting was called to order at 2.30 p. m., Friday, December 29.

24. "The influence of Court Masques on the drama, 1605-15." By Dr. Ashley H. Thorndike, of Western Reserve University. [Printed in *Publications*, xv, 114 f.]

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25. "On the date of the *Rimed Chronicle* of the Cid." By  
Dr. B. P. Bourland, of the University of Michigan.

The so-called *Rimed Chronicle* of the Cid is written on leaves 188-204 of manuscript Espagnol 12 in the National Library of Paris. The manuscript also contains the fourth part of the *Estoria General de España*. The *Rimed Chronicle* was first described by Octor, in his catalogue of the Spanish manuscripts of the National Library, and was first printed, from a copy by Francisque Michel, by Ferdinand Wolf, in the *Wiener Jahrbuch für Literatur*, for 1846. This copy was reprinted by Duran, in his *Romancero General*, and various portions have appeared elsewhere. The manuscript, which is of the beginning of the fifteenth century, is in good preservation, and offers few palæographical difficulties.